

Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

September 28, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we begin this week, many of our classes have begun the NWEA testing that will continue into the next couple of weeks as there is a large testing window for the fall testing. We wish our students well.

Our Cross country team had a great meet at Mohegan Park on Sunday, with many of our students placing well. Stephen Landolphi came in first, and Brendan McMahon followed closely behind. However, whatever the placement, the most important thing is that everyone had a good time!!! Many thanks to Mrs. Susan Bear, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith, and Daniel FitzGerald for coaching these students.

Sacred Heart School in Taftville will be resuming their boys' and girls' basketball teams. Once again, they have invited our students in grades five- eight to be on their teams. For any interested students, I have packets of information to be submitted to Sister M. Cabrini who is overseeing this program. Their program begins in November.

Enclosed you will find the hot lunch menu for the month of October. This will also be found on our website: www.saintjosephschoolbaltic.com **May I remind you that the price is \$4.00 per lunch. Also, there will be no hot lunches on half days.** Lastly, as I mentioned in last week's letter, there may be times when what is listed on the menu may not actually be served in the stated days due to problems with the food distributors, but we will try to let you know in advance if there is a change.

On Friday, September 30th, we will be having our Annual Walk-a-thon. Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald and Mrs. Amy Garganese are the co-chairs of this fun event. If you would like to help in any way, please call Mrs. Garganese at (860 931-4392) and Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald at (860)498-0457. **All students will wear their gym uniforms for this event.**

I have enclosed a letter from Mr. Glenn Costello asking for help at our Annual SportStacking Tournament which will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. In our school gym. We are looking for parent help for this event, so if you can help in any way with contributions or service, please do.

Last evening we had our first in-person St. Joseph Parent Group meeting. Our slate of officers for the 2022--2023 school year are as follows: Mrs. Angela Fournier – President, Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald – Vice-president, Mrs. Amy Garganese – Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Angela May – Treasurer. We planned most of the events for this year. **The following students will have a “Dress Down” day on Thursday, September**

29th: Genevieve and Gabriel Garganese, James, Rory, and Declan Hamrick, Dakota Perkins, Jeannie Perry, Genevieve Nash, Rad and Zane Tanksley, Colton and Amelia Fournier, Ben May, Christopher, Matthew, Mary, and Tommy FitzGerald, Catherine Wigfield, Laura LaCasse, Hannah Sypher, Aubrey Kunkle, and Madeleine Gagnon.

The eighth grade class is having an on-going “Bottles and Cans” fundraiser. Containers are outside the gym doors. Please have cans rinsed before bringing them to school. **Also, the eighth grade will be selling chips only on Fridays. As all items are \$.75, please try to send in exact change if possible.**

Ms Debra Pratt, Mrs. Cherie Perkins, and Mrs. Simone Hamrick have volunteered to oversee the Drama Program with the help of Mrs. Terrie Smith. This program will begin only in November.

May I remind you that all students will return to the regular uniform starting on Monday, October 3rd. Therefore all girls will wear (grades K – 4 the uniform jumper) grades 5-8 the uniform skirt) , uniform round-collar white blouse, tie, maroon or white knee socks. Boys will wear uniform gray pants, uniform white oxford shirt, tie and dark socks. Therefore, no girl may wear skorts or polo shirt, and boys may not wear shorts and polo shirt.

On Monday, October 3rd, we will have the Annual Rosary Rally which will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Blanchette Field here in Baltic. We will pray the rosary from there to church and end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All families are invited to participate. Should there be rain, then this event will take place in church.

Next week you will receive a form for Parent-Teacher forms for October 12th and 13th.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, September 30th	Walk-a-thon starting around 9:00 a.m. All pledge sheets and accompanying money should be in tomorrow, September 29th.
Friday, October 7th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTERCARE
Monday, October 10th	NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY
Wednesday, October 12th	Picture re-takes starting at 9:00 a.m.
October 12th & 13th	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1- 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 22nd	Sport Stacking Tournament starting at 8:00 a.m.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal